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SUBJECT: BRIEFING MEMORANDUM - KIDNAPPED AMCITS IN
TANZANIA - SITREP NO. 6

1. LARRY DEVLIN REPORTS THAT PRES. MOBUTU, IN THEIR MAY 31 MEETING, INDICATED CONCERN OVER KIDNAPPING AND SAID HE WAS IN DIRECT TOUCH WITH PRES. NYERERE. MOBUTU ALSO SAID HE HAS ORDERED THAT NOTHING BE DONE TO ENDANGER THE STUDENTS' LIVES (I.E., NO MILITARY ACTION AGAINST PRP REBELS). HE WAS NOT PREPARED, HOWEVER TO RECOGNIZE SITUATION PUBLICLY AND WOULD NOT APPROVE RADIO BROADCAST OR ANY PUBLIC STATEMENT EXPRESSING GOZ CONCERN FOR WELFARE OF HOSTAGES.

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MOBUTU EXPRESSED INTEREST IN PLAN TO USE ITALIAN PRIEST

VAGNI TO ATTEMPT TO MAKE CONTACT WITH KIDNAPPERS, BUT HE WISHED TO CONSIDER IT FURTHER AND WOULD LET US KNOW HIS REACTION TO PLAN FOLLOWING HIS RETURN TO KINSHASA JUNE 2. HE STATED THAT WE SHOULD NOT PROCEED WITH PLAN WITHOUT GOZ APPROVAL. IN MEANTIME AMB. HINTON COULD GIVE DETAILS TO FONMIN BULA, WHO COULD CONTACT HIM (MOBUTU) BY RADIO.

2. AMB. HINTON BRIEFED BULA FULLY IN POST-MIDNIGHT MEETING JUNE 1. FONMIN SAID HE WOULD DO HIS BEST GET EARLY REPLY, BUT WAS NOT HOPEFUL HE WOULD BE ABLE DO SO. HINTON ASSURED HIM VAGNI WOULD NOT ATTEMPT MAKE CONTACT WITH KIDNAPPERS WITHOUT GOZ APPROVAL. INGERSOLL

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